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Helping low to moderate income home owners reduce energy use *Maricopa County Weatherization Assistance Program*

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Federal funding is available to assist approximately 1,600 eligible homeowners in improving the energy efficiency of their homes. Eligible low to moderate income Maricopa County homeowners are encouraged to participate in the County's Weatherization Assistance Program.

The program is administered by the Maricopa County Human Services Department Community Services Division to residents outside the cities of Phoenix and Mesa.

Individuals and families may qualify for weatherization services if the household gross income, total income before taxes and deductions, meets the program guidelines below:

Number of Persons in Household					
	1	2	3	4	5
Per Month	\$1,806	\$2,428	\$3,052	\$3,676	\$4,298
Per Year	\$21,672	\$29,140	\$36,620	\$44,112	\$51,580

Interested homeowners may obtain an application at a nearby Community Action Program (CAP) office. Locations are listed on the County's Human Services Department Website (www.hsd.maricopa.gov) under the "About Community Action Programs" in the Community Services area. Those without Internet access may call the Community Information and Referral Help Hotline (602/263-8856) to find the nearest (CAP) office.

The weatherization process starts with an energy audit to identify energy efficiency measures that would be beneficial to the homeowner, stressing those which are essential for the health and safety of the occupants. The most cost effective measure(s) are implemented and a post inspection is conducted to ensure the measures increased the home's energy efficiency.

Some typical weatherization measures include: water heater repair or replacement, energy efficient light bulb replacements, air duct repair and sealing, and insulation installation.

"The Weatherization Program not only benefits eligible homeowners but our entire community by reducing negative impacts on the environment and conserving natural resources. This year the program received adequate funding to assist about 1,000 more home owners than last year," said Yvonne Seel, Maricopa County Weatherization Program Coordinator.

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Background: The Community Services Division (CSD) of the Maricopa County Human Services Department is the designated Community Action Agency for Maricopa County, with the exclusion of the cities of Phoenix and Mesa. The CSD ensures the provision of Community Action Program (CAP) services to provide emergency assistance services, case management, outreach, information and referrals, and home weatherization and repair/replacement services. CSD and CAPs promote and participate in community networks and collaborations.